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**FIVE DENIED CITIZENSHIP
FOR REFUSAL TO SERVE IN
ARMY DURING WORLD WAR****Were Placed in Class 5
of Draft Because They
Said They Were Aliens
and Could Not Be Called****Commissioner Church Ex-
plains That They May
Apply Again—Twenty-
Five Naturalized at To-
day's Session.**

Five New Britain candidates seeking American citizenship were rejected this morning at a session of the naturalization court held in the common council chamber at City hall because they sought exemption from service during the World War on the grounds that they were aliens and not citizens of the United States and were placed in division 5 by the draft boards. The men refused citizenship rights and naturalization papers are Giuseppe P. Taricani, Adolph Kasowski, David Seldman, Felix Roman and Alex Piona.

United States Commissioner Allen E. Church told the men that the government has decreed that all men who sought exemption from service in the war on the ground of being aliens are not to be made citizens. They will, however, be given an opportunity to renew their petition for citizenship rights five years after the signing of the armistice.

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66 YEARS OLD TODAY****Woodrow Wilson Quietly
Observes Anniversary—
Is Democratic Leader****REPUBLICANS IGNORE
RESOLUTION GIVING
GREETING TO WILSON**

Washington, Dec. 28.—Without debate and with a chorus of ayes from democratic senators and silence from most of the republican side, the senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, expressing "the pleasure and joy of the senate" upon the recovery toward health of former President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson planning a quiet observance of the occasion at his 8 street home was receiving congratulations today on his 66th birthday. The only scheduled event of the day for the former president was the visit of a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson foundation at 3 o'clock to extend birthday greetings and inform him of the progress made by the foundation in raising the \$1,000,000 fund to be used in perpetuating the ideals enunciated by the armistice.

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FIGHT FOR FREEDOM****Former Mayor of Mer Rouge Not
Even Allowed Bail****SAID TO BE KLAN LEADER**

On Other Hand, Numerous Doctors and Businessmen of South Send Letters Testifying to His Good Reputation.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., today lost his fight for immediate release on habeas corpus proceedings. He was remanded "without prejudice" to give the Louisiana authorities opportunity to present their case.

Denied Right of Bail
Dr. McKoin was arrested here Tuesday at the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana who accused him of murder in connection with the Morehouse parish kidnapping last August. Three judges of the Baltimore supreme bench sitting in city court denied Dr. McKoin the right of bail.

A telegram from Attorney Gen. Cocco of Louisiana to State's Attorney Leach, stated that Dr. McKoin had been charged with the murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards. The telegram added that a deputy sheriff was on his way to Baltimore with the necessary papers in the case. Dr. McKoin was represented at the hearing by Robert R. Carman, former U. S. district attorney, and he was accompanied to court by Dr. Hugh R. Young, specialist of Johns Hopkins, with whom the one time mayor of Mer Rouge had been associated since last October.

Designated as K. K. K. Leader
Telegrams exchanged between Governor Parker and Governor Ritchie of Maryland were read during the proceedings. In one of these Dr. McKoin was designated as a leader of the Ku Klux Klan.

Telegrams from noted physicians of the south and business men of Louisiana were read attesting the good reputation of Dr. McKoin.

**EAST HADDAM WILL
HAVE NEW LIBRARY****Funds for Erection of Building Are
Given by Will of Late Norris****W. Rathbun.**

East Haddam, Dec. 28.—A free public library for East Haddam, to be built in the village of East Haddam, is provided for in the will of Norris W. Rathbun, which was filed for probate this noon. Mr. Rathbun died on December 9. The estate is probably worth not less than \$150,000. The library bequest will probably take \$100,000 of the estate. The library will be called the Rathbun Free Memorial and is to be a duplicate of the Coe Memorial library at Middlefield.

A trust company at Hartford is named as executor of the will and trustee of the estate. A sum is left for equipping and maintaining the new library, probably about \$25,000, which will be administered by the trustee.

To the children of Thomas S. Rathbun is left the income of \$6,000, and upon their death the fund is to go to the missionary society of Connecticut. Small sums are left for care of five cemeteries in town.

EXPRESS IS DERAILED**"Commercial Express" For The West.
Wrecked at Princeton Junction To-
day—No One Reported Injured.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The Commercial express, which left New York at 10:05 a. m., for the west, was derailed at Princeton Junction, N. J., at 11:00 o'clock according to a report received by the Pennsylvania railroad here.

A mail car, combination car and coach were derailed. The tender of the engine and the mail car turned over. The company had no information that anyone was injured.

**Makin Would Be a
Connecticut Lawyer**

Hartford, Dec. 28.—Ray L. Makin of New Britain, yesterday filed application with the clerk of superior court to be admitted to the Connecticut bar without examination.

Mr. Makin is secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of the California law school. He practiced law in California for a year, his petition says. His application has been referred to the Hartford county bar.

**Mrs. Eben Strong Breaks
Wrist Falling on Walk**

Mrs. Eben Strong, of 7 Parkmore street, is in the New Britain general hospital suffering from a fractured wrist sustained by a fall on an icy sidewalk last evening. The accident occurred on Columbia street not far from her home. Dr. John Purney was called and found a fracture of the left wrist.

**Nine Killed as Fort
Near Trent, Blows Up**

Rome, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press)—Nine men were killed when a fort near Trent blew up last night. The disaster was caused by the accidental explosion of a shell which set off other ammunition. The debris from the demolished fort was scattered for miles around.

**AUTOMOBILE ENGINE
NUMBER IS DEFACED****Bookman Fined \$200 and Sent to
Jail for Thirty Days****KOPLWITZ ALSO FINED \$200**

John Niwa Bound Over For Series of Burglaries—Kelley to Face Superior Court for Hudson Lunch Theft—Pope Case Continued.

Sim Bookman, local sales agent for the Moos motor car, was fined \$200 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, and Henry Koplowitz, an East Main street businessman, was fined \$200 by Judge George W. Klett in police court today, the former having been found guilty of mutilating the engine numbers of an automobile and the latter of having in his possession a car with mutilated identification numbers.

Edward Vincette, a garage mechanic with a place of business on Arch street, was arrested in connection with the same matter, it having been found that he was the one who did the actual defacing. A note was entered in his case by Prosecutor J. G. Woods and he was used as the state's principal witness.

Burglar Bound Over.
John Niwa, aged 29, pleaded guilty to a series of burglaries and was bound over to the March term of superior court in bonds of \$700; John Makula was fined \$150 for violation of the liquor law at his store at 686 Main street; Thomas F. Kelley of Bristol was bound over to the next term of the superior court in bonds of \$200, probable cause having been found charges of theft of \$56 from the Hudson Lunch company.

In the Bookman and Koplowitz cases, the state alleged that on November 18, Vincette, under orders of Bookman and with Koplowitz's knowledge, defaced the engine numbers.

Koplowitz pleaded not guilty through Lawyer Saul P. Waskowitz, and Bookman, through Lawyer Alfred L. LeWitt, entered a like plea.

Vincette Tells of Defacing.
Vincette was the first witness called. He testified that, on November 18, Bookman and Koplowitz came into his garage, each driving a new Moon car. At the former's request he removed identification numbers which were inscribed on brass plates and affixed with tacks to the dashboard. Bookman then raised the hood and pointing out the engine numbers near the crankcase, requested that they be scraped off. Vincette testified. When this was done to Bookman's satisfaction and the registration numbers had been changed from one car to another, the men drove away. Vincette told the court.

Admissions Made to Rival.
Detective Sergeant Matthias Rival, who made an investigation at the request of the state police department, testified to the arrest of the two men. On December 21 he had Bookman and Koplowitz at police headquarters and they admitted their part in the affair. Bookman explained that he had sold a car to Koplowitz that was not satisfactory. He agreed to exchange his demonstrator for the unsatisfactory automobile and for that reason the identification marks were removed, the sergeant testified in his recital of the stories told him at the detective bureau.

Bookman and Koplowitz Explain.
Bookman's story on the witness stand was substantially the same as that recited by the sergeant. He said the demonstrator was sold to his employer, Max Sternzer, on a conditional bill of sale from the Halliwell Motor Co. of East Hartford. He explained that the transfer of cars was

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REMEMBERS HOSPITAL**Mrs. Mary S. Wightman of Bristol
Gives Institution in That City \$6000
by Her Will.**

Bristol, Dec. 28.—The Bristol hospital is given \$6,000 by the will of Mrs. Mary S. Wightman, which was offered for probate today. Other bequests are \$4,000 for the First Congregational church of which she was a member, and \$2,000 to the Bristol Boys' club. The residue of the estate, the value of which is not given, is given to nieces and nephews.

**Police Lose Part of Vacation For
Disobeying Order to Attend Drill****FIRE ROUTS FAMILIES****Seven Families Driven From Their
Homes at Erie, Pa. — Flames
Spread—Storm Hampers Firemen.**

Erie, Pa., Dec. 28.—Seven families were driven from their homes by fire today which destroyed the Aris theater building, 16th and Peach streets, and spread to the three-story Zuck building adjoining.

Every available piece of fire department equipment is battling the flames in the midst of one of the worst street storms in years which drenched the city with rain and put several fire alarm circuits out of order. After a fight of three hours Fire Chief Cronin announced the fire was under control. He estimated the damage at about \$100,000. One fireman was injured.

**Western New York Swept
By Terrific Snowstorm**

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Western New York today was swept by the most severe snow storm this season. A biting wind from Lake Ontario drifted snow to a depth of four feet in some places.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, Dec. 28.—Forecast for New Britain and vicinity: Snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight. Friday cloudy and continued cold, northeast to northwest gales.

**PRESIDENT ASKS SENATE TO REJECT
BORAH'S PLAN FOR NEW CONFERENCE;
GIVES NO HINT OF FOREIGN POLICY****U. S. JOINS ALLIES IN
SEEKING GUARANTEES****Child Says Turks Must Re-
place Capitulations Abol-
ished—Fleet Sails**

Lausanne, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press)—Richard Washburn Child, chief American spokesman joined with the heads of the allied delegations at today's meeting of the capitulations commission of the Near East conference in declaring that some guarantees must be given by Turkey to replace the capitulations or extra territorial rights for foreigners which the Kemalists have declared abolished.

The meeting of the commission of capitulations failed to make progress at today's session. Some of the allied delegates on leaving the hall said the conference had reached a deadlock pending the arrival of new Turkish instructions from Ankara.

Malta, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press)—As a result of unsatisfactory news from Lausanne it is understood that the ships of the British Mediterranean fleet which arrived here on December 23 for a three weeks visit have received orders to return to the Near East.

Naval authorities were reticent today but it was believed that Admiral de Robeck, commander in chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was prepared to leave this afternoon with all available vessels.

The understanding was that the dreadnaughts Iron Duke, Marlborough and Ajax, the light cruiser Concord and all the destroyers were to sail eastward at 4 o'clock.

ROBBERS DISAPPOINTED**Loot Offices of New York Firm. After
Beating Watchman—Get \$3,000 In-
stead of \$40,000.**

New York, Dec. 28.—Robbers who scaled fire escapes, entered the Harmon office of the New York Edison Co., early today, assaulted and bound Philip O'Connor, watchman, blew open the safe and escaped with its contents.

Edison officials said the loss, which had been estimated by police at \$40,000 would not exceed \$3,000, as most of the funds had been removed to a bank yesterday.

The building stands near Fifth avenue and 125th street, one of the busiest corners in Manhattan.

**Sergeant Fined Six Days,
Eight Patrolmen Four
Days and Four Patrolmen
Two Days, After Hearing.**

After a lengthy hearing held last night in the police court room, in which 12 patrolmen and a sergeant in the police department were "on the carpet" for alleged disobedience of orders, the police commission unanimously voted to punish the men for breach of discipline.

In the case of Sergeant Michael J. Flynn, six days were deducted from his vacation period next year. Eight policemen, George Moffitt, John F. O'Brien, Maurice Flynn, James Sullivan, M. J. Moore, Patrick McEahan, Thomas J. Feeney and Patrick O'Mara, were fined four days of their vacation time. In the cases of Police Thomas Tierney, Alfred Tanguay, Charles Anderson and John Kennedy, a punishment of two days of their vacation was imposed. Reports were received by the commissioners, showing that Policemen Peter McEvoy and Anthony Walencus had reported at the association for drill last Friday, despite the fact that they had been listed as absent. They were not called in to the hearing last night.

The men were called in from their beats just before 8 o'clock, all attending the proceedings in full uniform. The session was called to order by Chairman Dunn.

Chief William C. Hart outlined the situation. He explained that under a ruling of the police commission, and

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**NEW HAVEN DENOUNCED
FOR WRETCHED SERVICE****Schedule and Equipment
Under Fire in Petition
to P. U. C.**

"Utterly demoralized, hopelessly antiquated and outrageously unreliable" are some of the epithets applied to the schedule and equipment used on the Hartford-Bristol line of the "New Haven" road in a petition which has been prepared for presentation to the public utilities commission by commuters who are disgusted with the service rendered them. The first name signed to the petition is that of Mayor A. M. Fiosness.

Roy Frosser of 561 Main street, this city, has secured 175 signatures to the petition.

The petition follows:
"We, the undersigned, long suffering patrons of the New Haven Railroad and its subsidiary, the Central New England Railroad, hereby beg that the Public Utilities commission of the State of Connecticut assert its authority and demand of the said railroads that they furnish immediately adequate and prompt service on the portion of their lines between Hartford and Bristol, in place of the present utterly demoralized, hopelessly antiquated and outrageously unreliable schedule and equipment now making life a burden for the unfortunate commuters compelled to use it."

"Furthermore, we suggest that the said commission remember that it has been created for the benefit of the public whose opinion is herein expressed. The railroad should also be run for the benefit of the public and there should be no deviation from that principle on the score of lack of help, poverty, coal shortage, or any other excuse."

"Regardless of the causes of our present dissatisfaction we are entitled to service and we demand that it be given."

LIQUOR SCANDAL REPORT**Prohibition Agent Declared 4 Million
Dollars Worth Was Smuggled Into
New York For Holiday Trade.**

New York, Dec. 28.—Alexander Williams, who said he was an investigator for the department of justice, is authority for the statement today that more than \$4,000,000 worth of liquor was smuggled into New York through New Jersey coast waters for the holiday trade. This contradicts statements attributed to prohibition officers that the prohibition navy held most of the rum runners at bay outside the three mile limit.

Williams, who said he was on his way to Washington to report to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, declared that a vast amount of liquor was landed along the North Carolina coast to supply Washington. Most of the liquor landed on the New Jersey coast, he said, was imported into New York in the usual burlap bag packages in trucks and that private police accompanied most of the shipments. When prohibition agents stopped the trucks the special officers would assure them all was well, Williams said.

**Schooner Aground, Crew
Jumps and Wades Ashore**

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 28.—A schooner believed to be the Annie Bell of Baltimore, went ashore in the heavy fog today near Sandy Hook. Supt. Cole of the U. S. Coast Guard district was notified that the schooner carried a cargo of whiskey. According to a report received by Supt. Cole the crew of the wrecked schooner escaped when the ship struck, by jumping into the shoal water and wading ashore.

**Armed Guards to Be on
Duty at Hartford P. O.**

Hartford, Dec. 28.—Armed guards will patrol the federal building in this city during the week of January 2, when the money order department of the Hartford post office will assume the work of redeeming war savings or thrift stamps to the amount of about \$90,000.

**Killed Aiding Blind Man
Who Escapes Uninjured**

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28.—While leading a blind man, Edward Burtee, across a street last night, Mrs. Fannie D. Truax, was struck and killed by a trolley car. Burtee, while knocked down by the impact, rolled from the path of danger.

OUT AGAIN, IN AGAIN.

Fairfield, Dec. 28.—Arrested following his release from Wethersfield prison after serving sentence for theft Charles Murtha was today held in bonds of \$2,000 for trial in the superior court by Judge Clarence R. Hall. Murtha was today charged with larceny of valuables belonging to William Palmer of Hartford.

HAVE \$650,000 DEFICIT.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The deficit of Houston, Texas, and Co., brokerage firm suspended from the New York stock exchange December 18, will be approximately \$650,000, an auditing company reported at a meeting here today of creditors of the company. This deficit the committee said would prevent reorganization of the firm and make liquidation necessary.

**Simply Explains That Pro-
posal Would Embarrass
Him In Negotiations Al-
ready Under Way****Likewise Says This Country
Cannot Presume to Dic-
tate to Europe Concern-
ing Reparations Settle-
ments.**

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Harding asked the senate today not to adopt Senator Borah's proposal for a new international economic conference, saying in a letter to Republican Leader Lodge "that formal congressional action on the subject now would embarrass him in negotiations he already is conducting looking to such a conference."

The president's letter was sent to Senator Lodge for presentation during the senate's second day of debate on the Borah proposal which is embodied in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill.

Seeks To Block Action.
The president acted directly to block senate action after he had consulted with Secretary Hughes and after Senator Lodge had visited the White House and had conferred on the progress made in the determined fight already being waged against the Borah amendment by administration leaders in the senate.

Wants To Be Helpful.
The letter states that while the senate might properly "advise in regard to international negotiations" its action on the Borah plan might give "false impressions" to European powers. The administration, the president said, was "trying to be helpful" in the European situation, which had been given "most thorough and thoughtful consideration for many months."

Cannot Dictate.
Without disclosing details of what he is doing, the president suggested that congress must be helpful by freeing the hands of the allied debt commission. He also declared that the reparations was the foundation of European difficulties and that this nation "cannot assume to say to one nation what is shall pay in reparations nor to another what it shall accept."

No Chance of Disarmament.
As to further armament limitation negotiations, also provided for in the Borah plan, President Harding warned against what might be "a gesture of promise to the world which cannot be fulfilled until the nations directly concerned express their readiness to co-operate to such an end."

Can't Bulletin Details.
Just what steps already taken or in contemplation by the administration and smiled broadly at the president's declaration that the proposed amendment would in effect give the impression that the executive branch of the government was not "fully alive" to the present world situation.

The president's letter follows in part:
"My Dear Senator Lodge:
"Replying to your inquiry relative to the proposed amendment to the pending naval bill, authorizing and requesting the president to call an economic conference to deal with the war-torn countries of Europe, I write to say that I know of no prohibition against such an expression on the part of congress, but I do frankly question the desirability of such an expression. I think it is undesirable because of false impressions which may be conveyed thereby. . . ."

"On the face of things it is equivalent to saying that the executive branch of the government which is charged with the conduct of foreign relations is not fully alive to a world situation which is of deep concern to the United States."

"As a matter of fact the European situation has been given most thorough and thoughtful consideration for many months. Without questioning the good faith of the proposal, I am very sure it would have been more timely, and the action of the congress could be taken much more intelligently if proper inquiry had been made of the state department relative to the situation in which we are trying to be helpful. . . ."

"In ratifying the treaty of peace with Germany, the senate made a reservation that the United States should not be represented on the reparations commission without consent of the congress and no such consent has been given. Moreover, in creating the world war debt funding commission, that body was restricted to explicit terms for rates of interest and ultimate time of payment. If congress really means to facilitate the

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